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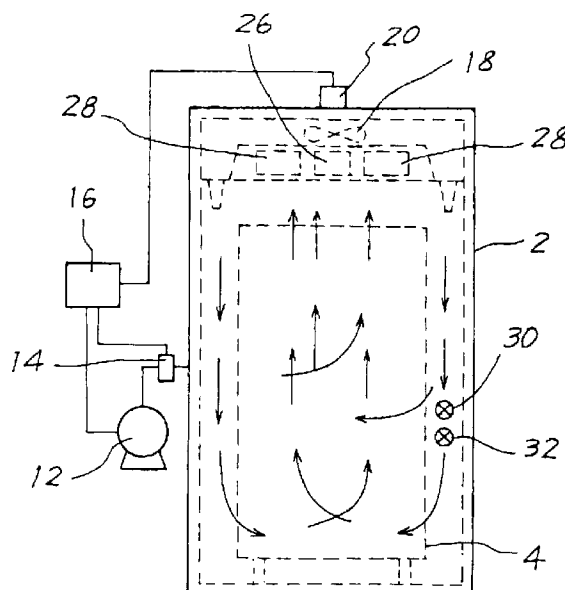
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(54) **Smoking apparatus**

(57) According to the invention, there is disclosed a smoking apparatus comprising a smoking chamber (2) for containing the food material, smoke or liquid smoke supply means connected to the smoking chamber for feeding and spouting the smoke or liquid smoke into the smoking chamber, and vacuum means connected to the smoking chamber for making the smoking chamber vacuum. The apparatus further comprises a control device

connected to the vacuum means (12,14) and the supply means, the control device (16) being programmed to previously operate the vacuum means so that the vacuum means makes the smoking chamber vacuum to exhaust the food material of air, and then operate the supply means so that the supply means spouts the smoke or liquid smoke into the smoking chamber to smoke the food material with the smoke or liquid smoke.

Fig. 2





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